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SILVER, COPPER AND LEAD.

Silver was quoted yesterday at 97½¢ per ounce; copper at \$14.35 per 100 pounds, and lead at \$4.80 per 100 pounds.

This present storm seems general all over the United States. In the West it is welcomed, as the winter has been a dry one. All over Arizona the feed upon the cattle ranges is short and the alfalfa had not appeared. The present down-pour, however, will cause a great change, and the stockman now sees wealth galore in his drives of summer beets to market.

Will the members of the Legislature who voted for the bill to empower the Board of Supervisors of the three northern counties to compromise the Atlantic & Pacific railroad taxes give some valid reason why that road should only pay 50 per cent of its taxes, while everybody else in the Territory must pay their full quota of 100 per cent? Where is the justice and fairness in such legislation, gentlemen?

This movement being made in the Legislature to divert money from the school fund to the road funds will hardly meet with the approbation of anyone in the Territory. It is undeniable that the schools of the Territory might be materially improved. Not but that there are enough of them and, perhaps, as efficiently administered as the schools of any other portion of the Union, but the fact is that fully half of the schools of Arizona have less than a six months term each year, for lack of the necessary funds to maintain them longer. This shows up rather poorly as compared with California, where the schools are open from eight to ten months per annum and where salaries of teachers are fully as high as they are in this Territory. The cause of this, apparent enough, is the sparse population, small attendance and light taxable values of the more remote regions. But these remote schools have an undoubted right to existence and will build up with the Territory's growth. Education and free schools are the rock upon which this Government was founded, and in Arizona no backward move should be made.

The members of all three houses find much to comment upon in the legislative reports published in the Tucson Citizen. The unsophisticated Tucsonian is supposed to swallow the fraud without discussion, but here the people concerned are better informed. For instance, it will be remembered that Tuesday, February 17, THE REPUBLICAN's news columns made note that, suitable resolutions being passed on the death of General Sherman, the Legislature adjourned on Monday without further action. THE REPUBLICAN reached Tucson Tuesday, at 2 P. M. That afternoon, say at 5 o'clock, the Citizen appeared, giving the news clipped from the Phoenix paper, under the guise of a special telegram from Phoenix, and representing it to be an account of Tuesday's session. Thereby the Citizen with commendable thrift gains to itself among the uninformed the fame that attaches to journalistic enterprise, in presenting to its readers such full and well-written legislative reports upon the session held upon the day of publication. And the instance dwelt upon is not the only one. Oh, no! The thing has been kept up so far all through the session.

THERE is an anomaly in taxation in Arizona. Nowhere, perhaps, in the Union can there be seen a corporation boldly and openly claiming a privilege, unsupported by an iota of law, of paying but 50 per cent of the tax assessed against it. The Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company occupies that position, and the Legislature of this Territory has actually passed a bill looking to relieving that company from tax debts unpaid in the past. The proposition is that the railroad company, after flatly refusing to pay its taxes at all, and lawfully to some extent over it, "compromised" with the Board of Supervisors of counties through which its line passes, such compromise allowing the company a clear receipt on the payment of taxes upon a valuation of \$4000 a mile, when the equalized value was \$7000 and over. Considered in law or in equity, such a cause has no justification. Why should the Atlantic & Pacific railroad be allowed to go free for half its taxes, necessary to the maintenance of the commonwealth, when the Arizona Canal Company, an institution representing \$1,000,000 of capital and surely of as beneficent a nature, is compelled to pay its full assessment? Is it not rank injustice to every other corporation in the Territory, yes, and to every taxpayer, now matter how small, who pays his full dollar on his property when he knows that there pay only fifty cents? What would the people of Maricopa county say were the Southern Pacific to refuse to pay more than half their taxes, and threaten to appeal to the highest court of the land and, by every device of law to make the legal expense of the county contesting mount up to more than the sum applied for?

The notice of Mr. Freeze of the House that he would introduce a bill to encourage the manufacture of sugar from sugar beet and raising of sugar beets in Arizona is in the line of progress and a proper bill should receive the support of every member of both houses. It should be remembered that there is at present a national bounty upon sugar produced in the United States, and with proper energy shown there is no reason apparent why the Salt River Valley should not be enriched from this sweet source.

That bill relative to the creation of inspectors to prevent the importation of insect pests, it must be remembered, was originally suggested in THE REPUBLICAN several weeks ago. The Fruit Growers' Association of Maricopa county were prompt in their appreciation of a good thing, and speedily had a bill drafted on the lines suggested.

ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TAXES.

Yavapai County Supervisors Refuse to Make Any Compromise.

The following resolution, passed by the Prescott Board of Trade at a meeting held February 13, 1891, was presented to the Board of Supervisors of Yavapai county, February 14:

Whereas, Information has been received from Phoenix that a bill has been introduced in the Legislature and has passed the Council, providing for the assessment of taxes on the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company; and whereas, it is believed that similar action in regard to the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad taxes for 1890, taken immediately by the Board of Supervisors of Yavapai county, will be ratified by the said board, and that it is the sense of this meeting that it is for the interest of Yavapai county to withhold assent to any such bill, and to be held tomorrow (February 14, 1891) a resolution authorizing such a settlement, and we do pledge ourselves to morally sustain the Board of Supervisors in such action.

Passed February 13, 1891.

After a full discussion, and by the unanimous vote of the board, the clerk was directed to transmit a copy of the following letter:

PRESCOTT, ARIZ., February 14, 1891.

To the Prescott Board of Trade.

GENTLEMEN:—The resolution of your Board, asking and advising the Board of Supervisors of this county to compromise with the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad upon its taxes for the year 1890 upon a basis of \$4000 per mile, has been received and entertained in open session. As the question is one of great importance to all taxpayers of the county, this board desires, in acting upon your petition, to so explain the existing conditions of railroad taxes that all parties at interest may understand the status of the case and the position and present action of their agents.

No county official has power to assess, or to raise or lower the assessment of railroads, that power being vested in the Territorial Board of Equalization. For many years the value so affixed has approximated \$7,000 per mile. The road has invariably refused to pay such taxes, and, allowing its taxes to become delinquent, and in June of each year the county has had judgment entered against it. At this point the attorney of the road has appeared before this board and proposed a compromise upon the basis of \$4000 per mile; and, under the statute granting power to supervisors to settle suits at law, the compromise has, until this year, been perfected. It has never been claimed that the board had any authority, aside from the statute referred to, to make such compromise, and that such authority could not attach until after June judgment. Your resolution urges a present settlement, and we recognize that you do so solely in the interests of the county, and we do not attempt to deny the soundness of your suggestions so far as they touch upon expediency or good policy; but neither through our own investigations nor those of any attorney or citizen, have we been able to find any statute which can, even in an obscure manner, lawfully justify us in entering into a compromise at this time. Without an appearance before this board of any agent of the corporation, and the conditions of the proposed settlement indefinite and unofficial; without knowledge as to the scope of the late decision by the Supreme Court, or the tenor of the legislation act now pending in the Legislature; with the whole question so obscure and without positive data, this board submits that to take such a step might imperil an important matter and commit it to an agreement either justified by law or in line with the best interests of this county.

Standing, therefore, unanimous upon our lack of legal power to compromise, and divided in opinion upon the equities of the case, this board, after due consideration, has decided to respectfully decline to take action upon your resolution advising compromise. Very respectfully,
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Articles of Incorporation

OF THE

GILA BEND

IRRIGATION COMPANY

Know All Men by these Presents:

That we, Herbert Morgan, Charles H. Willard and William J. Morgan, desiring to incorporate ourselves under and by virtue of the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the Territory of Arizona relating to corporations, approved March 5, 1889, and the amendments thereof, do hereby for that purpose sign, adopt and acknowledge in triplicate the following Articles of Incorporation, to-wit:

I. The name assumed by this corporation, and by which we shall be known, is the GILA BEND IRRIGATION COMPANY, and its principal place of transacting business is the City of Gila Bend, County of Maricopa, Territory of Arizona; and the time of the commencement of this corporation shall be the day of filing of these articles in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Maricopa, and of the Secretary of the Territory, and the termination thereof shall be fifty (50) years thereafter.

II. The enterprise, pursuit, business and occupation in which the corporation proposes to engage is that of constructing, maintaining and operating dams, aqueducts, canals, ditches, dunes, pipes, conduits, pumps, hydrants, plugs, reservoirs, aqueducts, gates and such other structures as may be necessary and useful in turning, conducting, obstructing, controlling and regulating the flow of water, acquired by location, appropriation and purchase and in any other lawful manner; to buy and sell water and the use thereof for any and all purposes.

III. The place where this corporation proposes to have its principal place of business is the City of Gila Bend, County of Maricopa, Territory of Arizona.

IV. The amount of the capital stock of the corporation shall be two hundred and seventy thousand (\$270,000) dollars, divided into twenty-seven thousand (27,000) shares of the par value of ten (\$10) dollars per share each.

V. The amount of each share of the capital stock of the corporation shall be of a par value of ten (\$10) dollars.

VI. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability, direct or contingent, to which this corporation is at any time to be subject, is the sum of one hundred and eighty thousand (\$180,000) dollars.

VII. The stockholders of this corporation and their private property shall be exempt from the corporate debt of this corporation.

VIII. The terminal of the irrigating canal which it is the purpose of this corporation to construct and maintain, are hereby specified as follows, to-wit: Commencing at and running from a point on the left bank of the Gila River known as the "Old Webb Crossing," the same being near the center of Section 5, Township 4 South, of Range 1 West, Gila and Salt River meridian and base line, thence in a southeasterly direction along the left bank of the Gila River to a large slough, the same being near the center of the north half of Section 9 of the township and range aforesaid, thence in a general southerly direction over the most practical route, to a point near the center of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 1 West, thence in a southeasterly direction over the most practical route to a point near the southwest corner of Section 18, of township and range last named, thence in a general southeasterly direction over the most practical route to a point at the base of what is known as the Painted Rock range of mountains, thence following the base of said mountains in a northerly direction to the Gila River.

IX. The affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of three persons who shall be elected annually by the stockholders, at such time and manner as shall be prescribed by the by-laws of this corporation, and all of whom shall be stockholders in this corporation, and hereafter no person shall be eligible to the office of director unless he is a stockholder in the corporation. The incorporators herof whose names are subscribed hereto shall constitute the Board of Directors until the first Tuesday in October, A. D. 1891, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Immediately, or as soon thereafter as practicable after the filing of these articles in the office of the County Recorder of Maricopa County, Territory of Arizona, the persons named as directors to serve until the first Tuesday in October, 1891, shall meet and organize as a Board of Directors, adopt by-laws and prescribe in said by-laws the method of calling meetings of the Board of Directors and stockholders. A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum of the board for the transaction of the business of the corporation, and any meeting where a quorum is present shall be deemed a regular meeting of the board and have the same authority as the full board, provided the third director shall have been previously notified of the intention of the board to hold a meeting.

X. The board of directors of this corporation shall have power to establish by-laws and make all rules and regulations for the control and management of the affairs of this corporation and the officers thereof, not inconsistent with the constitution of the United States and the laws of the Territory.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand and seal this 19th day of December, 1890.

HERBERT MORGAN, (SEAL)
CHARLES H. WILLARD, (SEAL)
WILLIAM J. MORGAN, (SEAL)

TERRITORY OF ARIZONA,
County of Maricopa.

Before me, Frank D. Welcome, a Notary Public in and for said County and Territory, on this day personally appeared Herbert Morgan, Charles H. Willard and William J. Morgan, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 12th day of February, 1891.

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